



Partner Government Agency Pilots: Schedule & Rollout for Agencies with Electronic Filing Requirements

PGA Pilots – Phased Rollout to Ports

In preparation for the ACE transition period, Partner Government Agencies (PGAs) have begun participating in controlled, technical tests of their PGA Message Set and/or DIS functionality at selected ports. The rollout plan for the pilot ports is as follows:

PHASE 1 – August 19, 2015 12 Initial Ports			
Port	Port Code	Port	Port Code
Baltimore, MD	1303, 1305	Laredo, TX	2304
Philadelphia, PA	1101, 1108, 1195	Los Angeles, CA	2704, 2720, 2775
Louisville, KY	4115, 4196	Long Beach, CA	2709
Chicago, IL	3901, 3906	JFK, NY	4701
Detroit, MI	3801, 3807	Newark, NJ	4601, 4670, 4671, 4770, 4772, 4778
Port Huron, MI	3802	Otay Mesa, CA	2506

After initial pilot testing is complete, a phased expansion will occur at all remaining ports.

PHASE 2 – September 2, 2015 75 Additional Field Offices/Ports		PHASE 3 – September 16, 2015 120 Additional Field Offices/Ports		PHASE 4 – September 23, 2015 All Remaining Field Offices/Ports	
Port	Port Codes	Port	Port Codes	Port	Port Codes
Miami, FL	5201, 5206, 5295, 5296, 5297	San Francisco, CA	2801, 2809, 2870	Boston field office	All remaining ports
Memphis, TN	2006, 2095	El Paso, TX	2402, 2479	El Paso field office	All remaining ports
Atlanta, GA	1704	Atlanta field office	All remaining ports	San Francisco/Portland field office	All remaining ports
Charleston, SC	1601	Chicago field office	All remaining ports	San Juan field office	All ports
Seattle, WA	3001, 3029, 3071, 3073, 3077, 3095	Miami/Tampa field office	All remaining ports	Tucson field office	All ports
Tacoma, WA	3002	New Orleans field office	All remaining ports		
Blaine, WA	3004	Seattle field office	All remaining ports		
Boston, MA	0401, 0417				
LA field office	All remaining ports				
NY field office	All remaining ports				
Baltimore field office	All remaining ports				
Buffalo field office	All ports				
Detroit field office	All remaining ports				
Houston field office	All ports				
Laredo field office	All remaining ports				
San Diego field office	All remaining ports				

Please continue to check online at <http://www.cbp.gov/document/guidance/list-aceitds-pga-message-set-pilot-ports> for an amended list of locations indicating which PGAs will be testing at each port(s), as well as for information on the expansion phases. Procedures for how to participate in a pilot can be found in the agency pilot Federal Register Notices.





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PGA Pilots – Participating Agencies and Pilot Schedule

Filing of all entries and associated entry summaries will be required in ACE by February 28, 2016. In addition, electronic FDA, NHTSA, and APHIS Lacey data must be filed in ACE by February 28, 2016. Upon publication of a Final Rule implementing the “no hybrid” policy, currently estimated by July 2016, data for the following agencies must be filed in ACE: AMS, ATF, APHIS Core, CDC, DEA, DCMA, DDTC, E&C, EPA, FSIS, FWS*, NMFS, and TTB. Many agencies already have pilots underway in preparation for the ACE transition period. A schedule with estimated pilot dates is included below. Please continue to check online for updates.

Department or Independent Agency	Agency or Program	Estimated Pilot Start Date	Type of Pilot PGA Message Set	DIS
Agencies with Pilots in Preparation for Electronic Filing in ACE by February 28, 2016				
US Department of Agriculture	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service – Lacey Act	August 2015	✓	
Department of Health and Human Services	Food and Drug Administration	August 2015	✓	
Department of Transportation	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	August 2015	✓	✓
Department of Homeland Security	Customs and Border Protection	DIS pilot is ongoing		✓
Agencies with Pilots in Preparation for Electronic Filing in ACE by July 2016				
US Department of Agriculture	Agricultural Marketing Service	August 2015	✓	✓
	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service - Core	September 2015	✓	✓
	Food Safety and Inspection Service**	PGA MS pilot is ongoing Pilot expansion in August 2015	✓	
Department of Commerce	National Marine Fisheries Service	DIS pilot is ongoing Pilot expansion in August 2015	✓	✓
	Enforcement and Compliance	August 2015		✓
Department of Health and Human Services	Centers for Disease Control	August 2015		✓
Department of Justice	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives	August 2015	✓	
Department of State	Directorate of Defense Trade Controls	August 2015	✓	
Department of Treasury	Alcohol and Tobacco and Trade Bureau	August 2015	✓	
Environmental Protection Agency	- Ozone Depleting Substances*** - Vehicles and Engines*** - Pesticides****	PGA MS & DIS pilots are ongoing Pilot expansion in August 2015	✓	✓
Department of Defense	Defense Contracts Management Agency	TBD	✓	✓
Other Ongoing Agency Pilots				
Environmental Protection Agency	Hazardous Waste	PGA MS pilot is ongoing (Export)	✓	

*This requirement is contingent on FWS having its regulatory revisions in place by the July 2016 publication of the CBP Final Rule eliminating hybrid filing.

**FSIS pilot currently effective at the following ports: Sweet Grass, Champlain, Buffalo, Detroit, Philadelphia, Houston, New York/Newark, Savannah, Wilmington, Los Angeles, LAX, Long Beach, Miami, San Francisco, San Francisco Airport, Oakland, and Seattle

***EPA pilots currently effective at the following ports: Long Beach, Los Angeles, and New York/Newark

****EPA pilot currently effective at the following ports: Detroit, Port Huron, and New York/Newark

To review published Implementation Guides, please refer to: www.cbp.gov/trade/ace/catair

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PGA Pilots – How to Participate

Interested parties should contact the PGA POC with copy to their assigned ACE Client Representative. Trade members without an assigned Client Representative should submit an email to Steven Zaccaro at steven.j.zaccaro@cbp.dhs.gov with the subject heading "PGA Message Set Test FRN-Request to Participate."

Requirements:

Technical

- Programming must meet requirements specified in the supplemental PGA CATAIR guidelines.
- Test participants must use a software program that has completed ACE certification testing for the PGA Message Set.

Geographic

- Test participants must be ready to file transactions at the port locations indicated for each phase of the pilot.

Participating Agency Points of Contact

Agency or Program	FRN/ PGA Point of Contact	Email
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) – Core & Lacey Act	Cindy Walters	cindy.l.walters@aphis.usda.gov
Food & Drug Administration (FDA)	Sandra Abbott, Max Castillo	Sandra.abbott@fda.hhs.gov Max.castillo@fda.hhs.gov
Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	Doug Bailey	Douglas.Bailey@ams.usda.gov
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Roy Chaudet	Chaudet.Roy@EPA.GOV
Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)	Robert Berczik	Robert.berczik@fsis.usda.gov
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)	Clint Lindsay Coleman Sachs	Clint.Lindsay@dot.gov Coleman.Sachs@dot.gov
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)	Dale Jones	dale.jones@noaa.gov
Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC)	Karen Wrege	WregeKM@state.gov
Alcohol Tobacco & Trade Bureau (TTB)	John Kyranos	John.kyranos@ttb.gov
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF)	Paul Young Lee Alston-Williams	Paul.J.Young@usdoj.gov Lee.alston-williams@usdoj.gov

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